

EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: Authorized Advanced Life Support Bridge Courses		
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- A. Bridge courses are designed to allow a candidate to advance from a lower level of ALS certification to a higher level of ALS certification or for a Virginia licensed Registered Nurse to bridge to the EMT-Paramedic certification level. The bridge curriculum recognizes current certification or licensure by allowing previous training to meet specified learning objectives in the training program level, thereby shortening the length of the curriculum.
1. EMT-Enhanced to EMT-Intermediate Bridge
 2. EMT-Intermediate to EMT-Paramedic Bridge
 3. Registered Nurse to EMT-Paramedic Bridge
 4. EMT-Shock Trauma to EMT-Cardiac (**See [T-710](#)**)
- B. All Bridge programs must use the minimum training curriculum approved by the Office for the certification level of the program.
- C. All other matters dealing with bridge courses will follow sections [T-640](#), [T-650](#) and [T-655](#).
- D. **Skills Proficiency** - With regard to equipment and materials, the bridge program student will be trained and proficient in all skills described in the corresponding curricula approved by the Office. (See the "Emergency Medical Services Procedure and Medication Schedule" for specific essential and allowed optional skills for this certification level, if applicable.) (**See [T-200](#)**)